

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BRISTOL COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

450 Child Street, Warren Office, Warren, RI

Pursuant to proper notice, the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bristol County Water Authority was called to order by Chairman Jannitto at 6:00 pm, 450 Child Street, Warren Office, Warren, Rhode Island. Executive Director Pasquale DeLise, Mr. David Frerichs, Warren Town Council President, Mr. Richard Kaiser and the following Directors were in attendance at the commencement of the meeting:

David Dugan, William Gosselin, John Jannitto, Allan Klepper, Frank Nencka, Joseph Rego

Directors Absent – John McElroy, Jr., Lloyd Matsumoto, Frank Sylvia

HOUSEKEEPING

Minutes of the following meetings were reviewed.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 10, 2009, be approved.

PUBLIC RELATIONS/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Director Gosselin reported:

New Business

1. Recent Correspondence from the Town of Warren, re: Painting of Fire Hydrants, Director Gosselin introduced Mr. David Frerichs. Mr. Frerichs spoke to the Board concerning painting the fire hydrants in Warren with a nautical theme. Mr. Frerichs has spoken to Warren Fire Chief Gallinelli who wants the tops of the hydrants painted with reflective paint for safety reasons. Also, channel 10 will be doing a story on the painted fire hydrants and it will be good publicity for the town.

Director Rego made the following motion, which was duly seconded

MOTION: Allow the people of Warren to paint the fire hydrants.

The Chair recognized Mr. Richard Kaiser who will be responsible for the painting of the hydrants. Mr. Kaiser stated that he will be using enamel paint which is extremely strong and should last for a long time.

Distribution Superintendent Mr. Paul Ramsay stated that BCWA uses glass beads over the silver paint to make the tops of the hydrants

reflective.

Motion passed unanimously.

BCWA will donate the glass beads for this project.

Old Business

1. Recent Correspondence from Attorney L. Schneider (Possible Executive Session), Executive Director DeLise stated that he and BCWA Legal Counsel, Mr. Joseph Whalen, will meet tomorrow morning with the Union and Mr. Schneider. A meeting is scheduled for tomorrow afternoon with Attorney Schneider concerning TDI. Arbitration is scheduled for July 10, 2009.

2. Correspondence from Director Gosselin, director Rego made the following motion which was duly seconded

MOTION: That the Authority hereby rescinds its previous resolution adopted on January 14, 2009 in which the Authority required that new retirees of the BCWA as of January 14, 2009 contribute 20% of their health insurance premiums (health and dental), for any plan in which they are enrolled as an individual, and 50% of the added premium for any family plan; and that the Executive Director be authorized to work with its counsel to negotiate with the union and its counsel to reopen the contract, as may be required, to implement a change to require additional contributions toward health insurance premiums such that

any new requirements would apply to both union and non union employees.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Health Contribution, Item to be discussed at the August meetings, BCWA's employees contribution to their health plan, increase from 16% to 20%.

4. Health Benefits Actuarial Report, Committee recommends that Executive Director be authorized by Board to hire consultant. Director Rego made the following motion, which was duly seconded

MOTION: To authorize Executive Director to solicit proposals and engage a Qualified Consultant for the preparation of said report, at a price not to exceed \$7,500.

Executive Director DeLise stated that he already had received one proposal. Benefit Management, Mr. Robert Bostian, does not do this type of work.

Director Dugan requested the Executive Director to solicit bids from 2 additional companies.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Community Gardens, No news at this time.

6. Employees MBO, Staff reviews in progress. MBO's and recommendation for Staff employees salary adjustments will be submitted to the Board at August meetings. Executive Director DeLise stated that he will be submitting his recommendation to Director Gosselin in a week to 10 days.

7. Changes in State Cross-Connection Laws, Plan must be submitted to Board of Health by December 31, 2009.

Director Klepper stated that North Providence and Johnston said they would not do this.

Executive Director DeLise stated that this is a State law and BCWA should comply.

Director Rego stated that if a meter reader finds potential contamination, then BCWA should do something right away.

Executive Director DeLise stated that this is already being done. This is a law for all water suppliers.

The Chair recognized Manager of Customer and Commercial Services, Mr. Joseph Granata. Mr. Granata stated that there are three types of devices being installed. If a home has a pool, water front property, well, BCWA installs the device and tracks it by its serial

number and it has to be re-certified yearly at a cost of \$90.

New Business

1. 2010 Poster Calendars, Committee recommends to award Omni Color for 500 posters at a price of \$1,569.00. Director Rego made the following motion, which was duly seconded

MOTION: To award low bidder, Omni Color, of East Providence, Rhode Island, for the issue of 500 posters at a price of \$1,569.00.

Director Klepper questioned the additional number of calendars. Director Gosselin stated that BCWA should make them more accessible.

Motion passed 5 - 1, Director Klepper voted nay.

AUDIT FINANCE COMMITTEE

Director Nencka reported:

Old Business

Director Nencka commented on a newspaper article, Providence Water will increase their rates. Kent County is increasing their rates automatically in the same amount as Providence Water.

Director Rego stated that it was a good idea, when Providence Water increase their rates we should increase our rates. Providence's rates go up by 10%, BCWA gets two thirds of its water from Providence.

BCWA should increase rates accordingly. Item to be place on the agenda for August.

1. Status of Water Resources Board Grant Requests, All BCWA requested refunds to date have been received.

2. Meter Replacement Program, Mr. Joseph Granata stated that 375 meters were installed in June. There are 3,088 meters left in the system to convert in the Town of Barrington.

ENGINEERING COMMITTEE

Director Rego reported:

Old Business

1. WTP Project Update, State/CDM Agreement executed. BCWA/RIWRB/CDM Kick-off meeting held on July 8, 2009 at Warren WTP. Executive Director DeLise stated that the meeting had been held this morning. CDM will be doing a study which will take up to 8 months or more. BCWA should be able to pump 3 MGD after improvements.

2. Shad Pipeline, Letter by Director Klepper sent to Rehoboth Water District, there has been no response.

New Business

1. Annual Water Main Installation – Contract Award, Committee recommends approval. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it

was

MOTION: To award low bidder, C. B. Utility, of Bristol, Rhode Island, at a price of \$409,467.29.

Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Executive Director's Report was self-explanatory.

NEXT STEPS

- 1. Audit Finance Committee Meeting, Wednesday, August 5, 2009, 5:15 p.m., Warren Office, Boardroom, 450 Child Street.**
- 2. Engineering Committee Meeting, Wednesday, August 5, 2009, 5:20 p.m., Warren Office, Boardroom, 450 Child Street.**
- 3. Personnel/Retirement Committee Meeting, Wednesday August 5, 2009, 5:25 p.m., Warren Office, Boardroom, 450 Child Street.**
- 4. Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, Wednesday, August 12, 2009, 6:00 p.m., Warren Office, Boardroom, 450 Child Street.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

John L. McElroy, Jr.

Secretary